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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON "DEFAMATION OF RELIGION"
RESOLUTION

REF: STATE 27376 - DEMARCHE INSTRUCTIONS

11. (SBU) Poloff delivered reftel demarche on March 24 to Farisha binti Salman, Assistant Secretary for Multilateral Political Affairs in Malaysia's Foreign Ministry. Farisha stated the "points are duly noted" and pledged to share the information within the Ministry but otherwise provided no immediate response.

12. (SBU) Comment: Malaysia has appeared very active in the OIC supporting the resolution. The government promoted the concept of taking international legal action against "defamation of religion" during the June 2008 Islam and the West conference, hosted by Malaysia and which featured the OIC Secretary General. On this basis, we believe it very likely that Malaysia would vote in favor of the resolution.

KEITH